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At his request called on Senator James STAT Eastland (D., Miss.) to discuss the Rodino bill. Eastland opened the conversation stating that he had information from a very good source that the Department of State will insist on closing down the Radios. I informed him that I have no authoritative information on this subject but the last information I had indicated the subject was still under discussion. Eastland again categorically stated that his information, which he considers valid, is that the Radios will be closed. I noted that I could not dispute him on this in view of my lack of information, but that whatever the future of the Radios the Rodino bill is still a good bill and that the beneficiaries have earned the right to consideration for citizenship. Eastland said he has no problems with the bill, that he considers it a good bill, but that he thought it would be a tragedy if the Radios are closed. As I was leaving he assured me that he would approve the bill. STAT STAT

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